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1. The amendment filed on 28 December 2004 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a) entered.
- b) entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c) disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d) disapproved. See explanation below.
- e) entered in part. See explanation below.

As pointed out by the applicant's remarks filed on 12/28/2004, claim 17 was accidentally cancelled by the examiner in the allowance office action mailed on 12/26/2004. The newly added claim 31 in the amendment filed on 12/28/2004 corresponds to claim 17, which would have been allowed in the previous office action. Therefore claim 31 is entered in order to correct matter of form and clearly does not change and / or affect the scope of the invention.



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